

Ready to Read

An Early Literacy Newsletter

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Read for Fun During the Summer!



Research shows that when children do not read during the summer, they lose some of the skills they learned in school. One way to keep up children's early literacy skills is to make sure they continue reading during the summer.

Participate in Fairfax County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. It encourages

recreational reading, and when preschoolers read, or have someone read 15 books to them, they will receive a coupon booklet full of free and discounted prizes. You may find book suggestions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/.

Turn in completed reading logs to your library branch by August 31.



Great Authors...Great Books for Summer Reading

Fairfax County Public Library has a wonderful selection of books that young children will enjoy hearing read aloud. Find these and many other stories by well-loved authors at your neighborhood library branch!

Books by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo

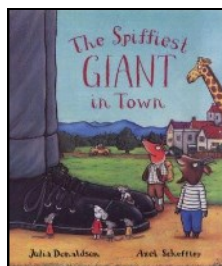
A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl and a snake—only to have to outwit that creature as well.

The Spiffiest Giant in Town

George the giant, known for wearing his old patched clothes, finally buys new ones, but then gives them away to some needy animals.

Where's My Mom?

A butterfly tries to help a lost young monkey find its mother in the jungle, meeting many different animals along the way.



Books by Lois Ehlert

Circus

Simple text and brilliantly colored cut-paper illustrations take children into a big top of circus excitement starring leaping lizards, marching snakes, whistling parrots and the tumbling Zucchini Brothers.

Nuts to You!

A rascally squirrel has an indoor adventure in a city apartment.

Wag a Tail

Assorted graduates of the Bow Wow School meet at a farmers market and a dog park.



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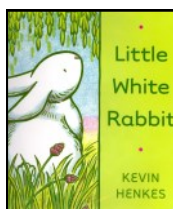
Book by Kevin Henkes

Birds

Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds and movements of the many different birds, a little girl is happy to discover that she and birds have something in common.

Circle Dogs

Circle dogs live in a square house with a square yard and spend a busy day eating circle snacks, digging circle holes and sleeping.



Little White Rabbit

As he hops along a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks and flutter like butterflies.

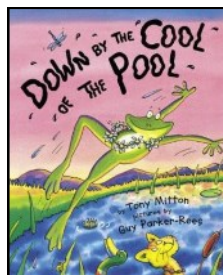
Books by Tony Mitton

Dazzling Diggers

Animals operate digging machines that scoop, lift, move rubble, squish through mud and help buildings tower up tall.

Down by the Cool of the Pool

Frog and the other animals have a dancing good time both in and out of the water in the cool of the pool.



Rainforest Romp

Rabbit, Mouse and Bird walk through the jungle of the South American rainforest and meet a host of amazing animals along the way.

Books by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Dog and Bear: Three to Get Ready

Three stories show that imperfect plans still work out when good friends help each other.

First the Egg

A picture book about transformations.

Walter Was Worried

Children's faces, depicted with letters of the alphabet, react to the onset of a storm and its aftermath in this picture book.

Informational Books by Steve Jenkins

Actual Size

Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.



The Beetle Book

An illustrated introduction to a variety of beetle species.

Move!

See how animals move in different ways.

Sign Up Preschoolers Online!

- 1) Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library and select "Summer Reading Program."
- 2) Select "kids."
- 3) Select "Sign Me Up."
- 4) Fill out the form (be sure to note your user name and password).
- 5) Select "Add/View Log" to record your books.
- 6) When children have read 15 books or had them read aloud, you may print a certificate of completion.
- 7) Come to your library's information desk (with or without certificate).
- 8) Receive prize: a book of coupons for free and reduced-price items from our sponsors.
- 9) Keep reading and recording more books (but children will only receive one coupon book).

